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Glossary of Terms

Paint Defects

Bleeding

Discoloration that occurs when colorants from a lower surface coat diffuse into a surface coat.

Blistering

The formation of hollow bubbles in the paint film caused by air, moisture, or solvents trapped under the film.

Blocking

Undesirable sticking together of painted surfaces when pressed together under normal conditions. Sticking or blocking can be reduced by anti-block paint additives.

Blooming

Powder-like deposit forming on the surface of the film, often resulting from partial dissolving and redepositing of pigment by a solvent component.

Blushing

Whitish, milky area that develops on the film and may be caused by absorption of water vapor by the drying film.

Brushmarks

Small ridges produced in paint films by the bristles of brushes.¹⁹⁸

Chalking

The degradation of a paint film by gradual erosion of the binder, usually due to weathering.

Checking

Slight breaks in the film that do not penetrate to the substrate surface. If the substrate surface is exposed it is called cracking.

Chipping

Total or partial removal of a dried paint film in flakes by accidental damage or wear during service.

Cracking

The splitting of a dry paint film, usually the result of aging. This